



## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

### MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa  
**Date:** Saturday, 4 May 2024  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Heavy 8, upgraded to Soft 7 following Race 4  
**Rail:** Out 4 metres  
**Stewards:** B Jones (Chair), A Dooley, L Selvakumaran, G Stewart  
**Vet:** K Rooney BVSc, B O'Shea BVSc  
**Op Support:** K Verner

### SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Race 7 **T Moodley** MACTHIEF  
Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] Suspended 12/5 - 19/5, 5 days  
Race 8 **C Butler** ORANGE PEARL  
Careless riding 900 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 12/5 - 18/5, 4 days

**Fines:** Nil

**Warnings:** Race 3 **K Wiles** PASSWORD  
Whip use in consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(h)(ii)]

**Protests:** Nil

**Request for Ruling:** Nil

**Horse Actions:** Race 4 **SUPER SCHEME**  
Warning, racing manners  
Race 8 **OPAEA JOE**  
Bled. 3 month stand down from racing or trialling, 2 month stand down from exercise. Veterinary certificate required

**Follow Up:** Nil

**Rider Changes:** Nil

**Late Scratchings:** Nil

**Medical Certificates:** Received from N Hailey

**Swabbing:** ENGLISH GAMBLER, C'EST MOI, HEY HAPPY, QUEEN ZOU, WILD WEST, SUPER PHOTON, RENOVATIONS, TURN THE ACE, LITTLE BIT OF LOVE, BLUE SKY AT NIGHT

### GENERAL

Nothing to report

### SUPPLEMENTARY

**Racing Matamata - Friday, 26 April 2024**

**Race 2 MANGAKINO RSA HIGHWEIGHT 2000**

**MAHOE** (T Harris) – Trainer C Isdale advised Stewards MAHOE pulled up sore in the off-fore fetlock and has now been sent for a spell.

### RACE COMMENTS

**Race 1** | **MODERN TRANSPORT GROUP HURDLE 2800**

**QUAFF** (M Roustoby) - Slow to begin. Jumped indifferently throughout having a tendency to run down its fences. Badly misjudged the fence near the 1100 metres unbalancing its rider as a result. Pulled up prior to jumping the final three fences when out of contention.

**ENGLISH GAMBLER** (H McNeill) - Raced keenly through the early stages. Misjudged the final fence.

**LOCHWINNOCH** (D Parker) – Raced keenly through the early stages.

**FOXALOT** (P Matthews) - Misjudged the third fence then jumped indifferently throughout. Pulled up prior to jumping the final three fences when out of contention.

**BROTHER MAX** (D Mcdonagh) – Pulled up prior to jumping the final three fences when out of contention.

<b>Race 2</b>	<b>BETAVET MILE 1600</b>
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**PAISLEY PARK** (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**C'EST MOI** (T Moodley) - Slow to begin. Improved onto heels having to be steadied near the 1100 metres.

**LANGKAWI** (K Myers) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight.

**POW WOW** (S Spratt) – Raced in restricted room for a short distance passing the 50 metres when runners either side shifted ground.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>KEN &amp; ROGER BROWNE MEMORIAL STEEPLECHASE 3900</b>
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**PASSWORD** (K Wiles) - Slow to begin. Pulled up prior to jumping the last fence. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormality.

**RENEGADE FIGHTER** (N Downs) - Misjudged the first fence landing awkwardly. Misjudged the fourth fence. Hit the fence near the 1000 metres briefly unbalancing its rider. Knuckled on landing after jumping the final fence.

**K Wiles** (PASSWORD) - Issued with a warning for using his whip in consecutive strides near the 550 metres.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>SIMPLY LIFE INSURANCE MAIDEN 1400</b>
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**ZESHADOW** (W Kennedy) - Began awkwardly then crowded shortly after, losing ground. Ducked out abruptly passing the 150 metres badly hampering **FASTER SOONER NOW**.

**ONGATITI** (J Fawcett) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier. Raced greenly in the final straight and shifted outwards near the 300 metres inconveniencing **BAXTER**, **SHOW ME LOVE** and **FOODIE BROTHERS**. J Fawcett was advised to exercise care in similar circumstances.

**FASTER SOONER NOW** (S Weatherley) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**SUPER SCHEME** (T Mitchell) - Lay out throughout the running and ran wide entering the final straight. Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the mare's racing manners.

**FOODIE BROTHERS** (T Moodley) - Rider dropped his whip near the 375 metres. Inconvenienced near the 300 metres.

**BAXTER** (M Sanson) – Inconvenienced near the 300 metres.

**SHOW ME LOVE** (V Colgan) - Inconvenienced near the 300 metres.

**BAGGIO** (W Pinn) - Placed in restricted room making contact with the running rail after improving into a marginal run inside of JUST CALL ME JONNY then shifted outwards making firm contact with JUST CALL ME JONNY which became unbalanced approaching the 200 metres.

**JUST CALL ME JONNY** (C Grylls) – Contacted and unbalanced approaching the 200 metres.

Following this race the track was upgraded to Soft 7.

**Race 5**

**MONDIALE VGL 1200**

**KEY LARGO** (W Pinn) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier. When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormality.

**STRANGE LOVE** (S Spratt) - Raced keenly through the early stages and was obliged to race three wide without cover for the majority of the race. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight placing QUARTZ QUEEN in restricted room over the concluding stages.

**QUARTZ QUEEN** (M Sanson) – Lay outwards rounding the final bend. Raced in restricted room over the concluding stages.

**PONTE VECCHIO** (T Mitchell) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

**CHARMARIO** (S Weatherley) – Held up for the majority of the final straight.

**ACQUARELLO** (M McNab) – Had difficulty obtaining clear running until shifting outwards near the 150 metres.

**Race 6**

**WAIKATO EQUINE VETERINARY CENTRE 2YO STAKES 1400 (Listed Race)**

**STAR SHADOW** (W Pinn) - Crowded at the start. Improved into restricted room over the concluding stages.

**MAGNA MEMORY** (S Weatherley) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier.

**SUPER PHOTON** (M McNab) - Over-raced through the early stages when being restrained.

**DOMAIN ACE** (C Grylls) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**RENOVATIONS** (V Colgan) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages when leading.

**OUT OF EXILE** (W Kennedy) - Held up until passing the 200 metres.

**Race 7**

**PREZZY CARD SPRINT 1200**

**MACTHIEF** (T Moodley) - Slow to begin.

**POUR THE WINE** (W Kennedy) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from the outside barrier. Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

**QUALITY TIME** (S Spratt) - Knuckled at the start. Raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.

**KINGFISHER** (W Pinn) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that in his opinion the gelding was feeling the effects of recent racing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormality.

**NOT IDEAL** (N Hailey) - Improved into restricted room over the concluding stages.

**T Moodley** (MACTHIEF) - Admitted a charge in the he struck his mount nine times prior to the 100 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of T Moodley's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 11 May up to and including racing on Sunday 19 May, 5 national riding days.

**Race 8** | **METALCO 1400**

**RUSSIAN SATIRE** (C Grylls) - Began awkwardly then crowded shortly after, losing ground. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that being caught on the inside which he believed to be inferior ground, had finished the race off fairly.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD** (S Spratt) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier. Improved onto heels having to be steadied approaching the 850 metres.

**MALFY ROSA** (L Satherley) - Slow to begin.

**JAFFIRA** (J Fawcett) – Contacted at the start.

**ORANGE PEARL** (C Butler) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**OPAEA JOE** (N Hailey) - Commenced to race ungenerously for a distance passing the 1300 metres then continued to race keenly through the middle stages. Hampered near the 900 metres. Returned to the enclosure with blood present in both nostrils. Following a veterinary examination OPAEA JOE was confirmed to have bled. OPAEA JOE shall not be ridden in exercise for a period of two months or start in any race or trial for a period of three months, and then only after a satisfactory gallop of at least 1000 metres in the presence of a veterinarian.

**FRANCEE** (W Kennedy) - Checked near the 900 metres dropping back onto OPAEA JOE. Improved onto heels near the 700 metres having to be firmly restrained when racing to the inside of BRAVE SPIRIT which was awkwardly placed inside the heels of SULABELLA. When assessing this incident video footage proved inconclusive and after interviewing riders, Stewards took no further action. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that after receiving interference through the middle stages, the mare had settled further back than intended which had been detrimental to its chances.

**URBAN MYTH** (V Colgan) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early and middle stages of the final straight.

**BRAVE SPIRIT** (M McNab) – Shifted out approaching the 350 metres making slight contact with LITTLE BIT OF LOVE.

**LITTLE BIT OF LOVE** (M Hashizume) – Contacted and unbalanced approaching the 350 metres.

**C Butler** (ORANGE PEARL) - Defended a charge in the she permitted her mount ORANGE PEARL to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of SULABELLA which was dictated inwards onto URBAN MYTH which was forced inwards onto FRANCEE which had to be checked near the 900 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee found the charge proven and imposed a suspension of C Butler's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 11 May up to and including racing on Saturday 18 May, 4 national riding days.

**Race 9** | **FORSYTH BARR MILE 1600**

**BLUE SKY AT NIGHT** (T Mitchell) - Knuckled at the start losing ground.

**LERADO** (N Hailey) - Slow to begin.

**THELONGERULOOK** (K Myers) - Knuckled at the start.

**IFFIN DOUBT DANCE** (W Kennedy) - Knuckled at the start.

**POW TONG** (C Grylls) - Commenced to race ungenerously for a distance near the 1400 metres when being restrained.

**ALL THE RAGE** (B Rogerson) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

**ASGARD** (W Pinn) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding would benefit from some easing in the ground.

*Stipendiary Stewards report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment*